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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) National City – Four Charged in One of San Diego County's Largest Meth Seizures
(U) Four men were charged Friday with federal drug trafficking counts in connection with what the US Attorney's Office said was one of the largest methamphetamine seizures in San Diego County. Police trailed a truck and arrested the defendants, all of whom are Tijuana residents, after they were allegedly spotted unloading dozens of boxes from a truck on Thursday in National City. Police discovered 148 bundles that turned out to contain more than 5,000-pounds of methamphetamine.
SOURCE: 9 July 2022, ABC 10

(U) Sacramento – Aerojet Rocketdyne Agrees to Pay $9M to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations
(U) Aerojet Rocketdyne Inc., headquartered in El Segundo, California, has agreed to pay $9 million to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by misrepresenting its compliance with cybersecurity requirements in certain federal government contracts. Aerojet provides propulsion and power systems for launch vehicles, missiles, and satellites and other space vehicles to the Department of Defense, NASA, and other federal agencies.
SOURCE: 8 July 2022, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Prosecutors Seize Half-Million Fentanyl Pills
(U) Mexico City – Mexican prosecutors announced Friday they have seized a half-million fentanyl pills in a raid at a warehouse in the northern city of Culiacan. The statement came one day after the army announced a "historic" seizure of over a half-ton of fentanyl at another warehouse in Culiacan, the capital of Sinaloa state, home to the cartel of the same name. In the raid announced Friday, and carried out Thursday, soldiers also found 83-kilograms of powder fentanyl and about a ton of meth, in addition to bales of pills.
SOURCE: 8 July 2022, Border Report

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Man Sentenced to 20-Years for Creating a Bomb-Making Video to Support ISIS
(U) St. Augustine – Romeo Xavier Langhorne was charged with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and was 20-years in federal prison, and also 15-years of supervised release thereafter. After expressing an interest in creating a video that would improve on existing videos demonstrating the making and use of a deadly explosive, triacetone triperoxide (TATP) in a chat room, an undercover FBI employee began communicating with Langhorne, who admitted the purpose of the video would be to distribute for terrorism purposes in support of Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS).
SOURCE: 9 July 2022, US DOJ

(U) Texas – 'Credible Threat' Focused on Jewish Community Lifted, Suspect in Custody
(U) San Antonio – Temple Beth-El to canceled Saturday services and the Jewish Federation of San Antonio to urged that "all Jewish gatherings be suspended" after the FBI notified the groups of a 'credible threat" to an unspecified Jewish community facility. The threat was lifted in the late afternoon after the FBI allegedly apprehended a suspect.
SOURCE: 9 July 2022, Texas Public Radio

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Democratic Republic of the Congo – ISIS Hospital Attack Kills at Least 9, Including Infants
(U) Lume – Terrorists killed at least 9 people, including infants and patients, in an attack on a clinic in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The Congolese army blamed the raid on a local militia allied with the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan Islamist armed group that has operated in the dense forests of eastern Congo for decades, and ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack on its Telegram channel on Saturday. The army responded, killing three terrorists, and capturing one.
SOURCE: 9 July 2022, Al Jazeera

(U) France – Ransomware Attack Hits Telecom Firm
(U) Paris – French telecoms operator La Poste Mobile has alerted customers that their data may have been compromised in a ransomware attack that targeted the company's administrative and management systems on 4 July 2022. The attack, believed to have been carried out by the LockBit ransomware group, took the company's systems offline as it attempted to minimize damage. Seven days later, its website is still offline, and visitors are greeted by a statement in French telling customers to be wary of targeted cyber-attacks.
SOURCE: 11 July 2022, InfoSecurity Group

(U) South Africa – Two bar Shootings Leave 19 Dead in South Africa
(U) Johannesburg – Two bar shootings, one in a township close to Johannesburg and another in eastern South Africa, has left 19 people dead, police said. In Soweto, 15 people were killed after as they enjoyed a night out, police said on Sunday, when assailants drew up in a minibus taxi and began randomly firing at the bar. In the eastern city of Pietermaritzburg, police reported four people were killed and eight wounded during a shootout in a bar after two men fired indiscriminately at customers. Police sources said it was too early to say if the assaults were in some way connected but observed their similarity.
SOURCE: 11 July 2022, Al Jezeera

(U) Sri Lanka – President, PM to Resign After Tumultuous Protests
(U) Colombo – Sri Lanka's president and prime minister agreed to resign Saturday after the country's most chaotic day in months of political turmoil, with protesters storming both officials' homes and setting fire to one of the buildings in a rage over the nation's severe economic crisis. Thousands of protesters entered the capital, Colombo, and swarmed into the President's fortified residence, and later broke into the prime minister's private residence and set it on fire.
SOURCE: 10 July 2022, Associated Press

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